

A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONVERSION OF DIRECTLY-ASSIGNED  
FORMAT ATTRIBUTES TO STYLES IN A DOCUMENT

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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10       A method of formatting a computer-readable  
document including a plurality of objects having  
directly-assigned attributes includes detecting the  
objects having directly-assigned attributes, creating a  
conversion style element for every detected combination  
15 of directly-assigned attributes, and replacing the  
directly-assigned attributes by a reference to the  
corresponding conversion style element. A change of a  
particular attribute throughout the entire document can  
thus be carried out simply by changing the conversion  
20 style elements in which this attribute appears.